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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Walter Thomas, Secretary Alabama Public Service Commission 100 N. Union Street – 8th Floor Montgomery, AL 36104

> Re: Implementation of requirements arising from Federal Communications Commission's Triennial Review Order: Phase III – High Capacity Loops and Transport – Docket No. 29054

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Enclosed are the original and ten (10) copies of <u>BellSouth Telecommunications</u>, <u>Inc.'s</u> <u>Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits</u> of the following witnesses in connection with Phase III of the above-referenced docket:

Dr. Aniruddha (Andy) Banerjee Mr. A. Wayne Gray Ms. Shelley W. Padgett

The public version of this filing is available on the BellSouth website via the following link: http://bellsouthcorp.com/policy/triennialreview/filings/2004-03-05. In addition, information contained in the testimony of Dr. Banerjee and the testimony and exhibits of Ms. Padgett is *proprietary* and will be provided to those who have executed the protective agreement in this proceeding.

Please distribute as needed and return a stamped copy of this cover letter to my office in the envelope provided. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Francis B. Semmes

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cc: Honorable John Garner, ALJ (via hand delivery)

Mr. Darrell A. Baker (via hand delivery)

Parties of Record

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing <u>Direct Testimony and Exhibits</u> – <u>Phase III - of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.</u> on the parties of record shown below by placing a copy in the U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this the <u>5th</u> day of **March**, **2004**.

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